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TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1852. (Stated Meeting.)

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT,  
in the Chair.

It was Resolved:—

That the Answer given by the late Lord Lieutenant to the Address of the Academy, as reported in the Dublin Evening Post of the 26th of February, be entered on the Minutes.

The following is the Address, with His Excellency's Answer:—

*“ To His Excellency the Right Honourable George William Frederick Earl of Clarendon, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, &c.*

“ MAY I— EASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“ We, the President and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, beg to express our deep sense, not merely of the important benefit which has recently been conferred upon us by your Excellency, but of the active and intelligent sympathy with which you have invariably encouraged our exertions and forwarded our objects. We had hoped to give utterance to these feelings in a more public and impressive form, on our approaching inauguration in the new abode which you have provided for us; but, at least, we will not permit your Excellency's official connexion with us, as Visitor of the Academy, to terminate without a distinct expression of our gratitude for the way in which the duties of that office have been performed by your Excellency.

“ The exertions of the Academy were long fettered by the nature of the locality in which, for the last sixty years, it has been established. Its deliverance from this evil could only be effected by the union of the power to aid it with the mind

which is capable of appreciating its claims ; and it found both in your Excellency. You not only received the statements which were laid before you on its part with the courtesy befitting your exalted rank, but you took them up like one who felt the real dignity of intellect ; you made them your own, and gave them a weight without which they might possibly have passed unheeded, and, certainly, would never have attained the present full success.

“For this—which is, in fact, a gift of new life and power to the Academy—it is our duty to thank your Excellency, and not for this only.

“We could mention many other instances, though presented in a less tangible form, in which the same enlightened estimation of our objects has been shown—one, however, ought not to be passed by without special acknowledgment: the Commission which, we trust, will result in the publication of the Brehon Laws—a work of the highest value, from its bearings on the ancient history and literature of Ireland.

“In fine, of all who for a long period have filled your Excellency’s high office, there is none to whom we are so deeply indebted, or whose name will be more closely connected with the prosperity and progress of the Royal Irish Academy.”

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#### ANSWER.

“GENTLEMEN,—It was my intention to return a written answer to the Address which you have done me the honour to present, but having been unable to prepare it, by business connected with my departure, and by some unexpected interruptions this morning, I must beg you to accept the extemporaneous expression of my gratitude for your Address, which will always rank high among the agreeable recollections I carry away with me from this country.

“The Royal Irish Academy is, to my mind, one of the most national Institutions in Ireland. I entertain for many

of its members the highest personal respect ; and I consider that the zeal and liberality with which they have sustained the Institution, and carried out its objects, entitle them to be classed among national benefactors. It was, therefore, with peculiar satisfaction that I became instrumental in rendering to the Academy the service of which it stood in need ; but I must not take undue credit to myself for this, as it is largely shared by Dr. Robinson, who, as a man of science, pointed out what was necessary, and, as a man of business, showed how it could be accomplished. His letter, with the authority of his great name, needed but little recommendation from me to Lord John Russell or the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and I hope that the new building will be found adequate to the purpose of rendering your inestimable possessions more useful and accessible to the public. I attach great importance to the publication of the Brehon Laws, both in a political and literary point of view, and I cannot doubt that my successor, when made aware of the circumstances, will feel under the same obligation that I do to Dr. Todd and Dr. Graves, for the truly patriotic spirit with which they have undertaken this arduous work ; neither can I doubt that from Her Majesty's Government they will receive all the encouragement and assistance they may require. For myself, permit me to say, that in this or any other matter involving the interests of the Royal Irish Academy, I hope you will freely command my services ; they will be given with all the devotion of personal friendship and the desire to do good to Ireland, which I have always felt during my residence among you, and which I assure you will in no respect be diminished by the termination of my official career."

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THE Secretary of Council read the following Report:—

The Council, in presenting their Annual Report to the Academy, have more than ordinary reason to congratulate it on its efficient